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COLUMBUS WANTS A FARM LOAN BANK

CAMPAIGN WITH THAT
END IN VIEW HAS BEEN
LAUNCHED.

WEATHERLY SENDS URGENT LETTERS

Advantages of City are Forci-
bly and Succinctly Set
Forth.

Columbus is anxious to secure one of the Farm Loan Banks which the Federal government proposes to establish in various towns and cities to furnish money to planters to carry on farming operations, and with that end in view Secretary J. G. Weatherly, of the local Chamber of Commerce, has launched a campaign which is backed by the financial, mercantile, manufacturing and farming interests of this section and which will be prosecuted with the utmost vigor.

The opening gun of the campaign was fired Tuesday, when Secretary Weatherly wrote strong letters to Senator John Sharp Williams, Senator James K. Vardaman and every Congressman of the state earnestly soliciting their co-operation in the movement and urging them to indorse Columbus as a site for one of the proposed banks.

In these letters the claims of Columbus were cogently and succinctly set forth, Mr. Weatherly having directed the attention of the statesmen to the fact that while many steps have been taken to aid the large cities of the country little or nothing has been done for the small towns, which are mainly situated in agricultural districts and therefore furnish the most logical channel for extending aid to farmers.

Mr. Weatherly's letter to Senator Williams follows:
"Senator John Sharp Williams,
Washington, D. C.
"Dear Sir:

"Columbus announces that she has launched a campaign to get one of the Farm Loan Banks. Mississippi has been content because she is agricultural in her pursuits, to let all of the big worthwhile things go elsewhere and usually to the big towns. Atlanta got the Federal Reserve Bank, a fight is to be made to have the Federal nitrogen plant built on the Tennessee river, Birmingham is going to fight for the armor plant, or some of the other preparedness propositions.

"Now, if all of the government's money is to be spent to make the big towns larger, to the sure end that the large towns attract more people from the country, then the rural population of America will continue to decrease.

"It seems to me that the Farm Loan Bank should be placed in a farming section, and certainly there is no finer farming section in the southeast than that of which Columbus is the center.

"In order to win for Columbus in this matter, it is necessary that both Mississippi Senators endorse our position and fight with us. It will be necessary for every Congressman in Mississippi to support Columbus to the limit also. I believe that we can win with a united front. May we not, Senator, count on your active support?

Very truly yours,
"J. G. Weatherly, Secretary."

HANDSOME RURAL RESIDENCE BURNS

COUNTRY HOME OF MRS.
W. D. PROWELL GOES
UP IN SMOKE.

INSURANCE WILL NOT COVER LOSS

Residence Was a Local Land-
mark, Having Been Erected
Many Years Ago.

The handsome country home of Mrs. W. D. Prowell, four miles west of Columbus, together with practically all of its contents, was destroyed by fire Monday night, and Mr. Ryland Prowell, son of the owner, who was formerly deputy sheriff of Lowndes county, was severely hurt while fighting the flames, having sustained burns, bruises and other painful injuries.

The fire, the origin of which is unknown, made its appearance about 11 o'clock, and was discovered by Mrs. Prowell, who was awakened by the crashing sound of falling glass. She immediately gave the alarm, and laborers on the place were summoned to the scene by the ringing of the farm bell. They formed a bucket brigade and by efficient work saved the large dairy and barn. The residence, however, and smokehouse were burned to the ground, together with most of the contents, the only articles saved having been the parlor furniture and one boudoir suit.

The house was an ante-bellum structure and was one of the handsomest country homes in this section. The loss will amount to between \$8,000 and \$10,000, while the insurance was only \$3,000.

TO IMPROVE STREET CAR AND LIGHTING SERVICE

NEW MANAGEMENT CONTEM-
PLATES PURCHASE OF ADDI-
TIONAL EQUIPMENT.

Announcement of the intention of the Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company to purchase new equipment is made by Mr. R. B. Claggett, the general manager of the corporation, who states that a representative will soon be sent north to buy three double-truck trolley cars and a 500-kilowatt generator.

Mr. Claggett states that the custom of having cars meet at the corner of Market and College streets will soon be abandoned and that the old junction point at the intersection of Main and Market streets will be re-established. This corner is the recognized center of the business district, and it will be much more convenient for patrons to wait for cars there than at the present junction point.

It is the intention of the company to maintain a 15-minute schedule and keep the cars always on time. Other improvements are contemplated.

Mr. Winnfield Sargent, of Macon, is in the city.

Misses Etta and Lillie Eichelberger left Monday for Chicago where they will attend the University.

HAY GROWERS OF COUNTY TO ASSEMBLE HERE ON SATURDAY

The hay growers of Lowndes county have been called to assemble at the Chamber of Commerce in this city at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon for the purpose of discussing a proposition to join the Alabama-Mississippi Hay Growers' Association, which is soon to be formed for the purpose of promoting and protecting the interests of growers of the legume in these two states.

Several prominent agronomists and hay experts will be present, among those scheduled to address the meeting being Prof. J. F. Dugger, who has charge of farm demonstration at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala., Prof. E. R. Lloyd, who holds a similar position at the A. and M. College near Starkville, and Hon. W. E. Stokes,

of Macon, president of the Mississippi Hay Growers' Association.

The hay growing industry has made rapid progress in this section during the past few years, and producers feel the urgent need of an organization to protect their interests. The association which it is proposed to form will probably have headquarters in Birmingham, and will employ a competent manager to look after the marketing of the product of its members.

Dr. W. F. Krone, who recently graduated from the Tulane School of Medicine in New Orleans, is spending several weeks with his parents before returning to take an internship at Charity Hospital in that city.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER
THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A
BRIEF FORM.

Rearrangements of seats was the only evidence of the resignation of Justice Hughes to be shown in the supreme court. Justice Van de Venster succeeded Mr. Hughes as the fourth associate in point of service. Justice Brandies took the seat on the extreme right of the chief justice, establishing the record of being the first justice to sit only one day in the new member's seat on the extreme left.

One of the three Mexican bandits killed Monday in the chase of outlaws who raided the T. A. Coleman ranch northwest of Laredo Sunday morning, wore a Carranza uniform bearing the insignia of a Carranza lieutenant-colonel. One of the bandits taken prisoner has identified the body as that of Lieutenant Colonel Villareal, of the Carranza army.

The superdreadnought Pennsylvania arrived at Norfolk Monday from the yards of the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company, and was placed in commission at the navy yard the same afternoon. American naval experts claim that the Pennsylvania is the most powerful warship afloat.

Searching parties are looking for the body of William Cameron, farmer, who with his wife and four children were killed by an explosion of dynamite Friday near Pineburg, Miss. Cameron had taken his family to Pearl river on a fishing trip and while in a boat threw a lighted stick of dynamite into the water. The concussion caused other dynamite in the boat to explode. The six people in the boat died instantly.

"Partial preparedness is only an invitation for an enemy to hate you and come and take all you have," was the declaration of Admiral Winslow, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, in an address on "Preparedness," made Government Day at the Panama-California International Exposition. "One modern battleship could dispose of our entire Pacific fleet, for ships with greater speed and gun power could hit our ships when we could not get close enough to hit them. Our only hope would be in destroyers and submarines working at night when the enemy could not see us. In the Pacific we have only four capital ships and these are not modern."

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE CONTINUES UNCHECKED

GERMANS DRIVE WEDGE FUR-
THER INTO FRENCH LINE
BEFORE VERDUN.

London, June 14.—In Volhynia and Galicia the Russians are continuing their strong offensive against the Austro-Hungarians and Germans, and on various sectors in both regions they have made fresh advances and captured additional prisoners and war stores.

In Galicia the drive of the Russians has brought them across the Dniester river, where they have captured several small towns, and they are pressing forward toward the Pruth river with Czernowitz their objective.

The Canadian troops in the region of Ypres have made a notable gain over the Germans retaking from them more than 1,500 yards of former British positions which the Germans suffered heavy casualties.

After driving their wedge further into the French lines northeast of Verdun Monday, the Germans on Tuesday did not follow up their advantage with infantry attacks. Only intermittent bombardments are taking place around Verdun.

In the Lagrina Valley of the Austro-Italian theatre the Italians have taken by assault strong Austrian positions and repulsed heavy counterattacks by the Austrians.

Slight successes by their respective sides in Asia Minor are reported by the Russian and Turkish war offices.

Sunday School Picnic.

The members of the Presbyterian Sunday school held their annual picnic yesterday at Lake Park. Each child was allowed to invite a friend and about seventy-five children and grownups participated in the day's pleasure. At the noon hour a delightful basket luncheon was served.

Mrs. D. F. Neil, of North Dakota, is visiting relatives in the city.

DEMOCRATS SURE TO NAME WILSON

PERFECT HARMONY PER-
VADES QUADRENNIAL
CONVENTION.

BAKER CARRIES PLATFORM PLANK

Rumor That Fight Would Be
Made Against Vice-Presi-
dent Marshall Denied.

St. Louis, June 14.—After a three hours' session convention takes recess until Thursday. Demonstration of sixteen minutes followed a reference to Wilson in keynote speech of former Governor Martin H. Glynn, of New York, acting temporary chairman. Convention opened by William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Efforts are being made to have Wilson come to St. Louis Saturday.

The attitude of uncertainty and unrest which marked the quadrennial gathering of Republican host in Chicago last week is totally lacking in the National Democratic Convention which convened in St. Louis yesterday as the re-nomination of both President Wilson and Vice-President Marshall are certainties and there will be no friction regarding the adoption of a platform, the draft of which has already been approved by party leaders.

On Monday there was in circulation a rumor to the effect that a fight would be made against Vice-President Marshall, but President Wilson has let it be known that he would not be a candidate in his running mate and his renomination is now practically assured.

Vice-Presidential booms and booms around which most of the pre-convention fights have centered have wilted away under the influence of the personal message from the White House, Secretary Baker, who is attending the convention, also effectually disposed of the vice-presidential boom in his own behalf, which had attained prominence in the belief in some quarters that Mr. Marshall lacked genuine administrative support.

"The President is for the renomination of Vice-President Marshall," was the emphatic statement made by Secretary Baker, upon his arrival with the platform draft substantially complete and written largely, if not wholly, by the President himself.

So far as I know," Mr. Baker added, "the President has not considered any other nominee. As to the movement started in my behalf, I am for Mr. Marshall. I am here as a delegate from Ohio; I ran in a popular primary pledged to support Mr. Marshall and obviously could not allow myself to be considered."

"The President's own draft of the platform—a single copy—will be delivered by Mr. Baker to Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman-to-be of the resolutions committee. Little change in it is anticipated. Mr. Wilson wrote his draft after frequent consultation with leaders at Wash-

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DEATH ANGEL ENTERS THE HOME OF COLLEGE PRESIDENT

MASTER HENRY LOUIS WHIT-
FIELD, JR., DIES AFTER
SHORT ILLNESS.

Master Henry Louis Whitfield, Jr., the 7-year-old son of President H. L. Whitfield, of the Industrial Institute and College, and Mrs. Whitfield, died at the home of his parents, No. 1217 College street, at 3:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, his death having resulted from a complication of ailments which baffled the skill of attending physicians.

The little fellow had been ill only a week, and his death was a severe shock to his parents, who have the heartfelt sympathy of numerous friends in their bereavement.

The funeral will take place from the Whitfield home on College street at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Interment at Friendship cemetery will follow.

NOMINATION OF HUGHES PLEASES EX-POSTMASTER

HON. J. T. WOOD THINKS JURIST
ABLEST MAN IN REPUB-
LICAN PARTY.

Hon. J. T. Wood, who for twelve years was postmaster in this city, has returned from Chicago, and expresses himself as being much pleased with the action of the Republicans in nominating Justice Charles Evans Hughes as their presidential candidate.

"Justice Hughes," said Mr. Wood, "is unquestionably the strongest and most virile man in the party, and I was convinced from the first that he would be the nominee. It seems strange," continued the former postmaster, "that such a distinguished honor should be conferred upon a man who had not announced either his candidacy or his views upon matters now uppermost in the public mind. His cause, however, was championed by Frank Hitchcock and other seasoned politicians who knew exactly what they were about, and no other man ever stood a chance of being named."

Mr. Wood said that the opinions and desires of Colonel Roosevelt had much weight upon the Republican delegates and that they were willing to give him almost anything but the presidential nomination. He believes that Roosevelt will make final his tentative declaration of the Progressive nomination and will support Justice Hughes.

Will Have Picnic Today.

Members of the Sunday school classes of the First Christian church will enjoy a picnic today. Wagons have been secured to convey the grown-ups and tots to the Breast place, several miles from the city on the Military road, where a good time will be had by all who attend. Many delicacies and good things have been prepared by the ladies of the church and the children are looking forward to the outing with much pleasure.

REMAINING VILLA BAND ROUTED BY AMERICANS

REPORTS INDICATE ANIMOSITY
TOWARDS AMERICANS IS
GROWING.

San Antonio, Texas, June 13.—General Pershing in his official report of the routing of what is believed to have been the largest surviving band of Villa followers in the state of Chihuahua, near Santa Clara, on June 9, states that several of the Mexicans were killed and others were wounded, and two rifles and 25 horses were captured.

Newspapers brought to El Paso today from several cities in the interior of Mexico showed an increasing animosity for Americans. Editorials in most of them referred to Carranza's recent note as "a slap in the face of Uncle Sam," while stories of volunteer corps organizing for duty in case of international trouble were frequent.

Today's reports to local mining companies from their representatives in Chihuahua City and Parral indicated that the antagonism against the United States continues and that minor demonstrations are frequent, but that the militia had the people sufficiently under control.

That some Carranza officials are behind the sudden outbreak of anti-American feeling in the republic was the assertion today of a well informed Mexican upon his arrival from the interior.

To Improve Phone Service.

Extended improvements are being made in the local plant of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company, and both city and rural patrons will realize material benefit therefrom.

In the city poles are to be placed in conduits, while the rural system will be entirely overhauled and the number of phones on party lines reduced from eight to six. The rates will also be materially reduced, a rate as low as 60 cents per month being offered to rural patrons on party lines.

WOODMEN HONOR DEAD COMRADES

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD
BY QUEEN CITY CAMP
No. 23 AT AIRDOME.

SOVEREIGN KNOX MAKES ORATION

Program Included Instrument-
al Music by Princess Orches-
tra and Local Vocalists.

Members of Queen City Camp No. 23, Woodmen of the World, who have died during the past year were honored with a memorial service which was held at the Princess Airdome on South Market street at 5 o'clock last Sunday afternoon and which was attended by a large concourse of people, members of the camp having marched to the airdome in a body and a large number of friends of the men to whom tribute was paid having also been present.

Sovereign R. H. Knox, of Houston, Miss., who is prominent in both legal and fraternal circles throughout the state, was the principal orator of the occasion and delivered a fine address, having extolled the merits of Woodcraft and paid a high tribute to the noble body of men who constitute the order. Mr. Knox was introduced by Mr. H. F. Simrall, and in addition to his address there was an interesting talk by Rev. W. L. Duren, pastor of the First Methodist church, who was selected to state the object for which the audience had assembled.

The Woodmen poem was recited by Miss Lawley and the musical

COLLEGE PUBLICATION WILL BE ISSUED WEEKLY

WILL DEAL AS HERETOFORE
WITH HAPPENINGS OF IN-
TEREST TO STUDENTS.

The Spectator, the official publication of the student body of the Industrial Institute and College, which since its establishment a number of years ago has been a monthly journal, will, beginning with the opening of the 1916-17 session of the institution, be issued weekly.

It is proposed to issue a regular standard size six column paper of four pages and increasing the number to eight when happening at the college justifies. As in the past the publication will deal exclusively with matters of interest at the college.

The contract for printing the paper has been given the Commercial, who also will print the A. and M. Reflector again for the students of that college next session.

Miss Ellen Crawford left Friday for St. Louis. She was accompanied home by Mrs. T. C. Baird, who will be her guest for a fortnight.

Misses Carrie and Trilbie Beard left Monday to visit relatives in Dallas, Texas.

Misses Vernon and Elizabeth Patty are visiting in Jackson, Tenn.

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O'BEAR DICTS WILSON WALKOVER

DECLARES ACTION OF
ROOSEVELT MEANS DEM-
OCRATIC VICTORY.

SAYS HUGHES WILL NOT BE INDORSED

If the Colonel Doesn't Run An-
other Candidate Will Be Put
in the Field.

According to an interview with George S. O'Bear, a prominent Birmingham Bull Moose, which appeared in the Age-Herald Monday, the action of the Republicans in nominating Justice Hughes means the complete defection of the Progressive party and will result in the re-election of President Ilson by a overwhelming majority.

Mr. O'Bear, who attended the recent convention in Chicago said that the Progressives had no idea of endorsing Hughes, and if Roosevelt decides to make final his tentative refusal to the nomination Governor Johnson of California or some other man of equal prominence would be named as the party's standard bearer. An excerpt from the interview follows:

"Everything is so much in the air that it is difficult to know just what to say about the situation," said Mr. O'Bear, "but I am confident of one thing, and that is Roosevelt's action means a walkover for Wilson in November."

"In spite of the reports which have been sent out about compromises with the Republicans and all that sort of rot, there was never the slightest chance for a compromise on a Republican candidate. The convention of the Progressives was practically unanimous on that. The Progressives are Progressives from principle and it is naturally hard for those old line Republican politicians who are out for spoils to understand that. The Chicago papers were full of talk of compromise, but there was nothing to it. We knew what we wanted. We stood for certain principles and we stand for them yet."

"If Roosevelt decides finally not to run the Progressive committee will meet and nominate another man like Governor Johnson of California and he will run it out. As for the Progressive committee's endorsing Hughes, there is not a chance."

"I talked with men from all over the United States and they would be indignant even at the suggestion of such a thing. They are down on the Republicans and will never treat with them. You may rest assured that there will be a strong Progressive candidate in the field and in my opinion his presence means a walkover for Wilson."

"That, however, is merely incidental. We are going to fight for what we think is right. There are not more than two men on the Alabama Progressive committee who do not feel as I do about this and they are men who think more really of the pie counter than they do of what the Progressive party stands for."

"We don't understand Roosevelt's action, of course. None of the delegates with whom I talked could understand it. It was like a thunder-clap. Perhaps he will explain satisfactorily later, but if he still declines to run our committee has been

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KUYKENDALL IS PRESIDENT OF BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of the Columbus Baseball Association held at the Chamber of Commerce last Monday Mr. E. L. Kuykendall was named to succeed Mr. Louis Shull, who was elected president at a former meeting, but who found it impossible to accept, and nominated Mr. Kuykendall for the office. Mr. L. B. Divelbiss was elected secretary and treasurer and Messrs. T. J. Locke, Jr., Carroll Hackleman and Louis Shull were named as directors.

Lary Fuch has been signed to manage the local team and has arrived from New Orleans to assume his new duties. Fuchich was formerly manager of the Austin club in the Texas League and is said to be a capable and efficient manager. The league season begins next Monday, West Point playing in this city and Aberdeen at Tupelo. The schedule calls for 46 games, and exactly one half of the contests will be played in Columbus. Lake Park, where the local games will be played, has been put in first class condition and a successful season is anticipated.

The teams will travel from town to town in automobiles, and as the circuit is compact there will be games in all four of the towns on the Fourth of July, West Point playing in Columbus in the morning and at home in the afternoon and Tupelo and Aberdeen playing at the former town in the morning and at the latter in the afternoon.